

*False Statements Accountability:* H. Res. 535, providing for the concurrence of the House, with an amendment, in the amendments of the Senate to the bill H.R. 3166, to amend title 18, United States Code, with respect to the crime of false statement in a Government matter; and

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*Snoqualmie National Forest Boundary:* H.R. 3497, amended, to expand the boundary of the Snoqualmie National Forest.

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**Legislative Program:** Pursuant to H. Res. 525, the rule providing for expedited procedures for the remainder of the 2nd Session of the 104th Congress, Representative Wicker announced measures for consideration under suspension of the rules for Thursday, September 26.

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**Referral:** One Senate-passed measure, S. 1875, to designate the United States Courthouse in Medford, Oregon, as the "James A. Redden Federal Courthouse" was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

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**Senate Messages:** Messages received from the Senate appear on page H11049.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** Three yea-and nay votes and one recorded vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appear on pages H11079, H11090, H11091, and H11107–08. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 10:00 a.m. and adjourned at 11:31 p.m.

## Committee Meetings

### TRADE WITH CANADA AND NAFTA PANEL DECISION

*Committee on Agriculture:* Subcommittee on Livestock, Dairy, and Poultry held a hearing on dairy, poultry, and egg trade with Canada and the impact of the impending NAFTA panel decision. Testimony was heard from August Schumacher, Jr., Administrator, Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA; and Ambassador Ira Shapiro, Senior Counselor and Negotiator for Japan and Canada, Office of the U.S. Trade Representative.

### OVERSIGHT—RESTRUCTURING INTERNATIONAL SATELLITE ORGANIZATIONS

*Committee on Commerce:* Subcommittee on Telecommunications and Finance held an oversight hearing on restructuring of international satellite organizations. Testimony was heard from Vonya B. McCann, U.S. Coordinator, International Communications and Information Policy, Department of State; Jack A. Gleason, Associate Administrator,

International Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Department of Commerce; David Turetsky, Deputy Assistant Attorney General, Antitrust, Department of Justice; Donald H. Gips, Chief, International Bureau, FCC; and public witnesses.

### DRAFT REPORTS

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* On September 24, the committee approved the following draft reports entitled: "Investigation into the White House and Department of Justice on Security of FBI Background Investigation Files"; "Report on Management of the Federal Government"; "Crude Oil Underpricing: The Ineffective Response of the Minerals Management Service"; and "The Year 2000: Computer Software Conversion: Summary of Oversight Findings and Recommendations".

### OVERSIGHT—SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

*Committee on Government Reform and Oversight:* Subcommittee on Government Management, Information and Technology and the Committee on House Oversight held a joint oversight hearing on the Smithsonian Institution. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Smithsonian Institution: I. Michael Heyman, Secretary; and Tom Blair, Inspector General; and Bill Gadsby, Director, Government Business Operations, GAO.

### POLICY IN THE PERSIAN GULF

*Committee on International Relations:* Held a hearing on U.S. policy in the Persian Gulf. Testimony was heard from Robert Pelletreau, Assistant Secretary, Near Eastern Affairs, Department of State; and public witnesses.

### SOUTH ASIANS LIVING STANDARDS

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific approved for full Committee action H. Con. Res. 213, concerning the urgent need to improve the living standards of those South Asians living in the Ganges and the Brahmaputra river basin.

### SOUTH PACIFIC: FREELY ASSOCIATED STATES AND OKINAWA

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on Asia and the Pacific held a joint hearing with the Subcommittee on Native American and Insular Affairs of the Committee on Resources on U.S. Interests in the South Pacific: Freely Associated States and Okinawa. Testimony was heard from Aurelia E. Brazeal, Deputy Assistant Secretary, East Asian and Pacific Affairs, Department of State; and Allen Stayman, Director, Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

**SUBPOENAS—BROTHERS TO THE RESCUE;  
ISSUE OF QUEBEC SOVEREIGNTY**

*Committee on International Relations:* Subcommittee on the Western Hemisphere approved a motion to issue subpoenas of Department of Defense and other witnesses to testify and documents regarding the shootdown of the civilian "Brothers to the Rescue" planes by Cuban MIGs.

The Subcommittee also held hearing on the issue of Quebec Sovereignty and its Potential Impact on the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Campbell; and public witnesses.

**SECURITY AND FREEDOM THROUGH  
ENCRYPTION (SAFE) ACT**

*Committee on the Judiciary:* Held a hearing on H.R. 3011, Security and Freedom Through Encryption (SAFE) Act. Testimony was heard from Representative Goodlatte; Jamie Gorelick, Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; and William Crowell, Deputy Director, NSA, Department of Defense.

**U.S. POLICY FOR BOSNIA**

*Committee on National Security:* Continued hearings on current and future U.S. policy for Bosnia. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Defense: John P. White, Deputy Secretary; and Gen. Joseph W. Ralston, USAF, Vice Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff.

The Committee also met to honor the following retiring members of the Committee: Representative Montgomery, Schroeder, Browder, Geren of Texas, and Peterson of Florida.

**OVERSIGHT**

*Committee on Resources:* Subcommittee on Energy and Mineral Resources held an oversight hearing to investigate the progress of a 1995 REGO II proposal to allow states to perform BLM's inspection and enforcement programs on federal lands. Testimony was heard from W. Hord Tipton, Assistant Director, Resource Use and Planning, Bureau of Land Management, Department of the Interior; and James W. Carter, Director, Division of Oil, Gas, and Mining, Department of Natural Resources, State of Utah.

**CONFERENCE REPORT—OMNIBUS PARKS  
AND PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT ACT**

*Committee on Rules:* Granted, by voice vote, a rule waiving all points of order against the conference report on H.R. 1296, Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996, and against its consideration. The rule also provides that the conference report shall be considered as read. Testimony was heard from Chairman Young and Representatives Miller of California and Vento.

**SMALL BUSINESS—OSHA REFORM AND  
RELIEF**

*Committee on Small Business:* Held a hearing on OSHA Reform and Relief for Small Business: What Needs to be Done? Testimony was heard from Joseph Dear, Assistant Secretary, Occupational Safety and Health, Department of Labor; and public witnesses.

**FDIC'S HANDLING OF SMALL BUSINESS  
ASSET FORECLOSURES**

*Committee on Small Business:* Subcommittee on Government Programs held a hearing on FDIC's handling of small business asset foreclosures in Massachusetts as a result of the failure of ComFed Savings Bank in Lowell, MA. Testimony was heard from John Bovenzi, Director, Depositor and Asset Services, FDIC; and public witnesses.

**COMMITTEE BUSINESS**

*Committee on Standards of Official Conduct:* Met in executive session to consider pending business.

**IRAQ—RECENT ACTIVITIES**

*Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence:* Held a hearing on Recent Activities in Iraq. Testimony was heard from John M. Deutch, Director, CIA.

## *Joint Meetings*

**FAA AUTHORIZATION**

*Conferees* met to resolve the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3539, to authorize funds for programs of the Federal Aviation Administration, Department of Transportation, but did not complete action thereon, and recessed subject to call.

**INTELLIGENCE AUTHORIZATION**

*Conferees* on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 3259, to authorize funds for fiscal year 1997 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System.

**PRESIDIO TRUST**

*Conferees* on Tuesday, September 24, 1996, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 1296, to provide for the Administration of certain Presidio properties at minimal cost to the Federal taxpayer.